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**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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For: Pigment Dispersants Having Anionic  
Functionality for Use in Anodic  
Electrocoat Compositions

Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: Edward J Cain

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence  
is being transmitted via facsimile addressed to  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2004, Applicants respond  
through their attorney as follows.

The shortened statutory period for response expired on September 29, 2004.  
Accordingly, a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is attached hereto. The  
Director - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit  
Account 021-1201, the necessary extension fees identified in the attached Petition  
and any other fees necessary for entry of this amendment.